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REFER TO:

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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Bands, IB Docket No. 01-185;

Review of the Spectrum Sharing Plan Among Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit Mobile Satellite Service Systems in the 1.6/2.4 GHz Bands, IB Docket No. 02-364; as well as

Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC's File Nos. SAT-MOD-20031118-00333, SAT-AMD-20031118-00332 and SES-MOD-20031118-01879 (ATC Applications granted by Order and Authorization DA-3553 of the Chief, International Bureau, on November 8, 2004)

This is to inform you that, on January 4, 2005, in connection with the above referenced Dockets and Applications, the undersigned, representing the Department of Defense (DoD), was present during an informal technical meeting hosted by Mr. Badri Younes, Director of Spectrum Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information and Integration (ASD/NII), and representatives of several entities interested in these proceedings (a complete list of attendees is attached.) Richard B. Engleman, Chief Engineer for the Commission's International Bureau was present, but Mr. Engleman attended the meeting in an observer role only. The purpose of the meeting was to make initial contact and to seek technical data for the Department's consideration.

Because the Department uses mobile terminals for access to Inmarsat services now, and may elect to use similar or evolving Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) in the future, DoD technical specialists raised questions addressed to both Inmarsat and Mobile Satellite Ventures (MSV) representatives at the meeting. Most queries were raised with respect to potential operational scenarios that might arise when projected ancillary terrestrial components (ATCs) begin to be integrated into MSS networks within the United States. Clarifying comments from experts from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on the criteria used to develop positions in these proceedings were also provided to those present at the meeting.

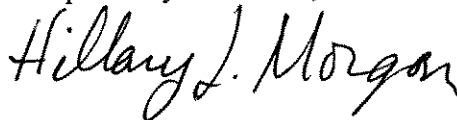
The desirability of coordination among service providers and service users in shared spectrum bands employing MSS was discussed. Per comments made at this meeting, it appears those participating in the meeting intend (to the extent practicable) to employ means to avoid harmful interference with others operating in the same spectrum band in the future.

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To that end, most participants indicated they are open to additional exchanges of technical information (including possible sharing of non-privileged criteria applied in testing) while the respective Commission proceedings remain open.

On behalf of the Department of Defense, one electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with the Commission's rules. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary J. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachment: List of Meeting Attendees

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NTIA Chief Counsel

Present at January 4, 2005 ASD/NII-Hosted Meeting, Crystal City, Arlington VA, 2 P.M.

Attendees from DoD: Mr. Badri Younes, Director of Spectrum Management, ASD/NII

Other NII representatives: Mr. Keith B. Yauger, Communications Magement  
Mr. Douglas Jones, Consultant  
Mr. Larry Krebbs, Consultant  
Mr. Juan Snowden, Consultant

Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Components follow:

Commercial Satellite Division Mr. Richard Bourdon, Program Manager  
Mr. Gregory Timme, Consultant

Defense Spectrum Office: Mr. Ralph Puckett, Team Leader

Joint Spectrum Center: Mr. Steven Molina, Plans & Resources  
Mr. Robert Brock, Sr. Science Advisor/Consultant  
Mr. James Miller, Consultant

Office of the General Counsel: Hillary Morgan, Deputy General Counsel  
Regulatory and International Law

Observer from the Commission's International Bureau: Mr. Richard Engleman, Chief Engineer

Consultants from Department of Commerce/NTIA: Mr. Edward Drocella  
Mr. David Anderson

Attendees for Inmarsat: Mr. James J. Shaw, Director, Inmarsat  
Mr. Leo Mondale, Vice President, Inmarsat  
Mr. Edward Berger, Business Development, Inmarsat  
Mr. Richard J. Barnett, Consultant to Inmarsat

Attorney John P. Janka, Partner, Latham & Watkins, Counsel for Inmarsat

Attendees for MSV: Mr. Peter D. Karabinis, Chief Technology Officer, MSV  
Mr. Lon Levin, Vice President, MSV  
Ms. Paddy Link, Consultant to MSV, Wexler & Walker, PPA

Attorney Bruce Jacobs, Partner, Shaw Pittman, Counsel for MSV